

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

**DOCKETING DEPARTMENT**

**NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING**

**DOCKET NO. 2008 -190-S**

**ALPINE UTILITIES, INC. – APPLICATION FOR ADJUSTMENT OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE PROVISION OF SEWER SERVICE AND ESTABLISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL RATES AND CHARGES**

Alpine Utilities, Inc. (“Alpine” or the “Company”) has filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) for an adjustment of the Company’s rates and charges for the provision of sewer service and the establishment of additional rates and charges. Alpine is a public utility, as defined by S.C. Code Ann. § 58-5-10(4) (Supp. 2007), providing sewer service to the public for compensation in Lexington and Richland counties, South Carolina pursuant to rates approved by the Commission in Docket No. 1988-56-S.

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-5-240 (Supp. 2007) and 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-512.4.A (Supp. 2007), the Company requests that the Commission approve an increase in its monthly sewer service. Additionally, Alpine requests that the Commission approve the implementation of new commercial rates for bowling alleys and bars or taverns.

In support of its request for an adjustment in the Company’s sewer rates, Alpine asserts, among other things, that the proposed sewer rate increase is necessary in order that it may provide reasonable and adequate service to its customers, comply with standards and regulations set by the Department of Health and Environmental Control and other governmental agencies which regulate the environmental aspect of the Company’s business, and earn a reasonable return on its investment and attract capital for future improvements. The Company also asserts that the proposed sewer rate increase is necessary to preserve its financial integrity and to permit continued investment in and maintenance of its facilities so as to provide reliable and high quality services.

**THE PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE RATES AND CHARGES ARE SET FORTH BELOW**  
**(The complete rate schedule is available from the Company at the address below and on the Commission’s website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov).)**

**SEWER**

**Monthly Charges**

**Residential**

Charge Per Single-Family House: \$28.00 per unit

**Apartment**

\$28.00 per unit

**Factories**

Each Employee (No Showers)	\$2.61
Each Employee (With Showers)	\$3.44
Each Employee (With Kitchen Facilities)	\$4.33

**Food Service Operations**

Ordinary Restaurant (Not 24 Hours, Per Seat)	\$8.65
24 Hour Restaurant (Per Seat)	\$12.98
Curb Service (Drive-In, Per Car Space)	\$8.65
Vending Machine Restaurant	\$5.21

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Institutions	
Per Resident	\$7.36
Laundries	
Self Service (Per Machine)	\$18.07
Mobile Homes	
3 Persons Each	\$22.11
Motels	
Per Unit (No Restaurant)	\$7.36
Nursing Homes	
Per Bed (No Laundry)	\$7.36
Per Bed (With Laundry)	\$8.65
Offices	
Per Person (No Restaurant)	\$2.16
Picnic Parks	
Average Attendance	\$2.61
Beauty Shop	
Per 1,000 Square Feet Space	\$17.32
Rest Homes	
Per Bed (No Laundry)	\$7.36
Per Bed (With Laundry)	\$8.65
Service Stations	
Without Bay	\$60.85
First Bay	\$86.61
Each Additional Bay (Per Bay)	\$43.31
Shopping Centers	
Per 1,000 Square Feet Space (No Restaurant)	\$17.32
Swimming Pools	
Per Person (With Sanitary Facilities and Showers)	\$1.72
Theatres	
Drive-In – Stall	\$ .79
Indoor – Seat	\$ .79
Schools	
Per Person (No Showers, Gym, Cafeteria)	\$1.72
Per Person (With Cafeteria, No Gym, Showers)	\$2.16
Per Person (With Cafeteria, Gym, Showers)	\$2.61

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Churches	
Per Seat	\$ .54
Bowling Alley	
Per Lane, excluding Restaurant	\$ .41
Bars or Taverns	
Per Seat, excluding Restaurant	\$ .45

The formula shown below will be used to determine a commercial rate that is not specifically noted in the Schedule of Rates and Charges.

$$\text{Commercial Rate} = \text{Apartment Rate} \times \frac{\text{BOD}^1 \text{ of Commercial Establishment}}{(2.8) (.23)}$$

Where

2.8 = Average Number of People per Apartment Unit

And

.23 = BOD for Apartment with Garbage Disposals

<sup>1</sup> Bio-chemical oxygen demand

A copy of the Company's Application can be obtained from the Commission at the following address: Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Docketing Department, P. O. Drawer 11649, Columbia, South Carolina 29211. Additionally, Alpine's Application is available on the Commission's website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov).

In order for testimony and evidence to be received from all interested parties, a public hearing will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room, Synergy Business Park, 101 Executive Center Dr., Columbia, S.C. on **Thursday, September 25, 2008 at 10:30 a.m.**

Any person who wishes to participate in the hearing, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, on or before **June 19, 2008** and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2008-190-S.***

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify, in writing, the Docketing Department at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff, at 1441 Main Street, Suite 300, Columbia, South Carolina 29201 and John M. S. Hoefer, Esquire, Willoughby & Hoefer, P.A., Post Office Box 8416, Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8416 on or before **June 19, 2008**, and indicate the amount of time required for the presentation. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2008-190-S.***

**Any person who wishes to request a hearing in his or her county of residence should notify on or before July 8, 2008**, in writing, the Docketing Department at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff, at 1441 Main Street, Suite 300, Columbia, South Carolina 29201 and John M.S. Hoefer, Esquire, Willoughby & Hoefer, P.A., Post Office Box 8416, Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8416. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2008-190-S.***

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Any person who wishes to express their views but is unable or does not desire to appear and testify at the hearing should submit those views to the Docketing Department, in writing, on or before **June 19, 2008**. *Please refer to Docket No. 2008-190-S.*

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:** Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission in Columbia at 803-896-5100.

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